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1. Reply to Restriction Requirement;
2. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
3. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
4. One cited reference; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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